

## POOR HUMAN NATURE.

I'd like to see one true and perfect man  
Who never slipped in life's forbidding  
race,  
Whose work has been according to the plan  
So plainly mapped for fitting every case—  
Just one whose gentle footsteps never run  
Astray. I'd like to look in such a face,  
And homage pay in songs of jubilee  
To human nature, good as it could be.

I've seen good people underneath the sun  
Who did as well as anybody could:  
Some cheerful, glad, and always full of fun,  
And others sad and almost goody-good;  
But man or woman, not a single one  
Who always did as they exactly should.  
Some have one fault, and some, of course,  
another,

Then nearest perfect was my good old mother.  
One at the church is always to be found,  
Ready to speak the praises of the master,  
His words with logic tearfully profound,  
His object to avert a world's disaster,  
Yet in the business marts he hustles round,  
And has, perhaps, on many homes a  
plaster,

His heart pulsating for the joys of heaven  
Only, exclusively, one day in seven.  
I see another equally devout,  
But full of vanity almost to scorning.  
He has some righteousness beyond a doubt,  
Nor fears the awful resurrection morning.  
But vanity he cannot live without,  
And thinks too much of personal adorn-

ing,  
Against which failing very much was said  
By one who had not where to lay his head.  
Man has been frail and weak and halt and  
blind,  
And prone to go astray from the begin-  
ning,  
So much so it is very hard to find  
One who has always struck a pace that's  
winning.

The very best according to my mind,  
Are subject to degrees of hateful sinning,  
And when one goes where grace cannot re-  
store him,  
I'll not condemn, but just feel sorry for  
him.

## INSPECTOR GARDNER

Testifies as to State Auditor Luke Nor-  
man's Office.

Judge W. H. Gardner, the state in-  
spector and examiner, is in the city  
today, en route to spend Sunday at his  
home at Elizabethtown. He was ap-  
pointed by Governor Brown four years  
ago, and his duty is to examine closely  
the auditor's office, as well as all other  
public offices in Kentucky.

A reporter for the Times sought Judge  
Gardner and asked what there was in  
the charges made against the auditor's  
office, in which it is alleged there is mis-  
management and a necessity for making  
a change in order that the books may be  
opened to the public.

The reply was as follows:  
The business methods of the auditor's  
office are too well known to require a  
denial of such charges. They are un-  
worthy of notice and are manufactured  
and circulated for campaign purposes  
only. The records of this office have not  
been closed to the public, to my personal  
knowledge since I have been inspector,  
and if a change should be made, which  
I do not think the people have any idea  
of making, take my word for it, the Re-  
publicans will not find any crookedness  
or fraud in that office.

"How do you know this, Judge, in  
view of the fact that a difference is  
known to exist between the governor  
and auditor, and it is supposed by some  
that access to the auditor's books would  
be denied you?"

"That is a mistaken notion entirely,"  
said the judge. "A variance does exist,  
but that does not prevent me from per-  
forming my duty, nor the auditor from  
affording me full opportunity to do it.  
Not only has the auditor not refused  
me access to the books of his office, but  
I have had at all times the prompt and  
ready assistance of any or all the clerks  
of his office. I can truthfully say that  
no public office in Kentucky has been  
more thoroughly overhauled and rigidly  
examined in detail in every department  
than this one, reaching back beyond the  
entire time of Maj. Norran. In fact, I  
have devoted about one-half of my time  
since April 1892, when I was appointed  
inspector by Gov. Brown, to an exami-  
nation of this office, and though I have  
had various and numerous outside as  
well as inside official records from which  
to check against the auditor's office, I  
have not discovered a single instance or  
item in which the state has been de-  
frauded out of a cent.

"As it has been my unvarying rule to  
shield no guilty man, Democrat or Re-  
publican, you may rest assured if any  
fraud had been discovered by me in this  
office I would promptly have reported it  
to the governor. In addition to the test  
of honesty which I applied to this office  
in the matter of public money received  
by it and paid over to the treasurer, I  
can further say its leading features un-

der the splendid system maintained by  
Auditor Norman are neatness, courtesy,  
efficiency, accuracy and a painstaking  
care to guard the interests of the state,  
and to properly discharge every duty  
incumbent upon the office. With his su-  
perior corps of clerks, his office could not  
be otherwise than in a first class condi-  
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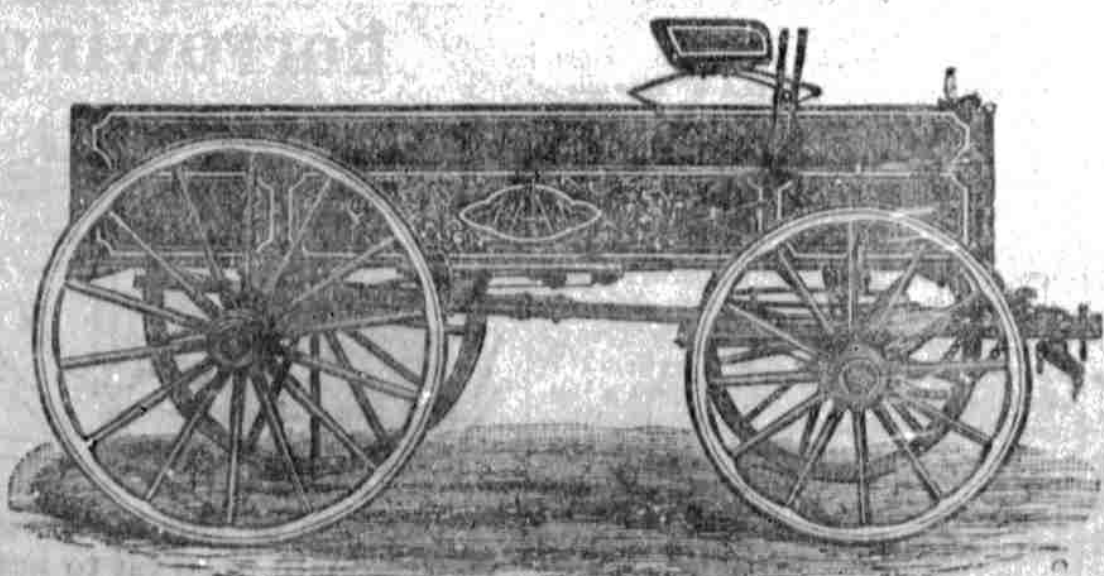
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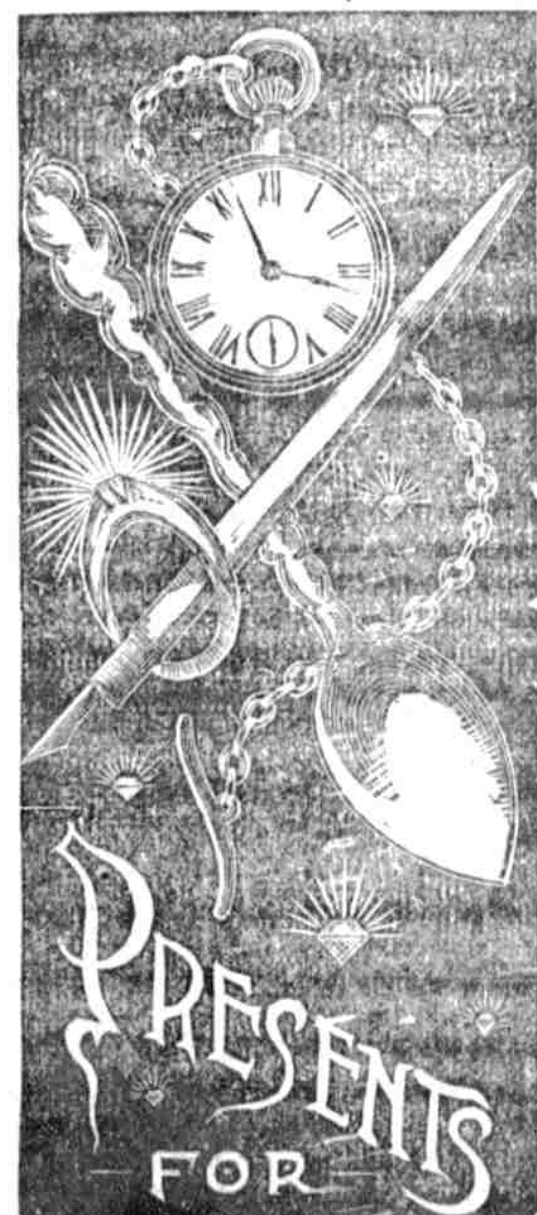
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